

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed August 3, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. The Examiner is thanked for the indication therein of allowance of claims 17, 18, 24 and 25. Moreover, the undersigned also notes the indication therein that claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 19-21 were "objected to", while claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 22 and 23 were "rejected". In a subsequent telephone interview with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that the claims "objected to" and the claims "rejected" were switched, and that in fact claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 19-21 should have been rejected, while claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 22 and 23 should have been objected to. Applicants confirm the report of this telephone interview, in a Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner and mailed September 12, 2006.

By the present amendments, Applicants have set forth the subject matter of claims 2, 3, 10 and 11 in independent form. Moreover, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 19-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In addition, Applicants respectfully direct attention to allowed claims 24 and 25. As previously considered by the Examiner, claims 24 and 25 recited the Fresnel lens sheet according to claims 17 and 18, respectively. However, claims 17 and 18 respectively were directed to a process for producing a Fresnel lens sheet and to a process for producing a rear projection screen. In light of prior inconsistencies between preambles of claims 17 and 18, on the one hand, and their dependent claims 24 and 25, on the other, recently discovered, Applicants are also presently amending claims 24 and 25 to recite the "process", and, in light of previously considered claims 24 and 25, to recite that the Fresnel lens sheet includes specified amounts of the light diffusable fine particles.

Initially, it is respectfully requested that the present amendments be entered, notwithstanding that the present amendments are being submitted subsequent to filing of a Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application. In this regard, note that the present amendments cancel all previously rejected claims, setting forth claims indicated by the Examiner as being allowable, in independent form.

Moreover, present amendments to claims 24 and 25 are being made for purposes of consistency of these claims with their parent claims 17 and 18. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendments clearly materially limit issues remaining in connection with the above-identified application, presenting all remaining claims in allowable condition. Noting that the inconsistency of claims 24 and 25 with parent claims 17 and 18 has only recently been discovered, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments are timely, and clearly do not raise any new issues, including any issue of new matter. Thus, present entry of the present amendments are proper, notwithstanding Finality of the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, and filing of this Amendment subsequent to filing of the Notice of Appeal on July 27, 2006.

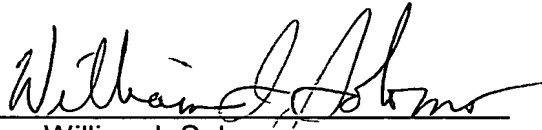
In view of the present amendments, canceling all claims that were rejected on prior art on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that such prior art rejections are now moot. Moreover, noting the indication of allowable subject matter on page 3 of the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims in the application should now be allowed, noting that claims 2, 3, 10 and 11, previously only objected to, have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the present amendments and foregoing comments, entry of the present amendments, and reconsideration and allowance of all claims remaining in the above-identified application, in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 396.43512X00), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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